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What constitutes the most important issue is debated during every election cycle. The catch phrase of a previous presidential campaign — “It’s the economy, stupid!” — has been resurrected in the present one. The economy is an important consideration. So is immigration or the war against terrorism.

The correctness of a position and priority of an issue with many people is founded upon subjectivism and selfishness. It is decided upon the basis of what advances their own interests. It may not be what is best for the country. And it doesn’t necessarily take God into consideration. The Christian considers what issue is most important to God.

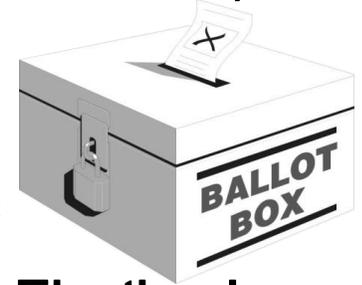
There is a recurring issue in our presidential elections that is most important to God. And the correct position is based upon the objective truth found in God’s Word and in the very nature of God. It is the most fundamental issue upon which all other values and issues are based and to which they are secondary. We refer, of course, to the sanctity of human life.

Albert Schweitzer said, “If a man loses reverence for any part of life, he will lose his reverence for all life.” A candidate’s position on the sanctity of human life measures integrity, principle, trustworthiness, character, and godliness more than any other issue. If you want to know the candidate’s soul and the validity of his/her claim to know and love God, probe the strength of his/her stance regarding the sanctity of human life. This will also reveal the sincerity of any claim to be compassionate toward the poor and needy. It will also reveal the motive underlying their position. Is it really out of genuine concern for the individual and the country? Or is their true motive to simply gain power and influence? Is it *principle* or *politics*?

The Bible says God created all that is (Gen. 1:1) and that man is distinctly superior to all other creatures (Gen. 2:7). God recognizes viability and personhood before birth (Ps. 139:13-16). God not only knows each person before birth (Jer. 1:5), but He has a purpose for each (Is. 49:1, 5; Gal. 1:15-16).

Taking human life is a capital offense (Gen. 9:6; Ex. 21:12; Lev. 24:17). The only exception ordained by God, other than self-defense, is the execution of evildoers (e.g., murderers), and that only by government (Rom. 13:4).

The Most Important



Election Issue

God requires us to defend the innocent and protect the defenseless (Ps. 82:3-4; Prov. 12:6; 31:8-9).

There are presidential candidates who favor legislation that jeopardizes these Biblical values and principles. We cannot afford to give consent of power to these candidates.

The likelihood that two pieces of such legislation will be enacted depends upon the person who next occupies the White House. One is the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), which would nullify the ban of partial-birth abortion and reverse virtually all laws that protect the unborn. Another related issue is the Equal Rights Amendment. This would have sweeping implications on abortion laws, resulting in the continued slaughter of the innocents.

Educate yourself on these issues and vote accordingly. Access the information at www.nrlc.org. Click on Legislation, then Current Issues, and scroll down to these two issues.

The Declaration of Independence states that we have not only the right, but the duty to remove or prevent a government that does not promote and protect the unalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. To fail in this is not only to jeopardize our liberty and to become subject to godless despots, but also to forfeit the blessing of Almighty God.

The Declaration of Independence states the fact that government derives power from the *consent of the governed*. The Christian citizen must recognize and reject any candidate who does not honor the government’s role as it pertains to preserving our unalienable right to life.

Any candidate who favors the taking of innocent life (e.g., the unborn, the sick and infirm, etc.) and the preservation of a capital offender’s life is not only self-contradictory but also rebelling against God. **We cannot honor God by giving government the power to destroy human life!** Your consent is given at the ballot box. Voting for a presidential candidate who can justify the taking of any human life apart from capital punishment and self-defense is consenting to government-sanctioned murder.